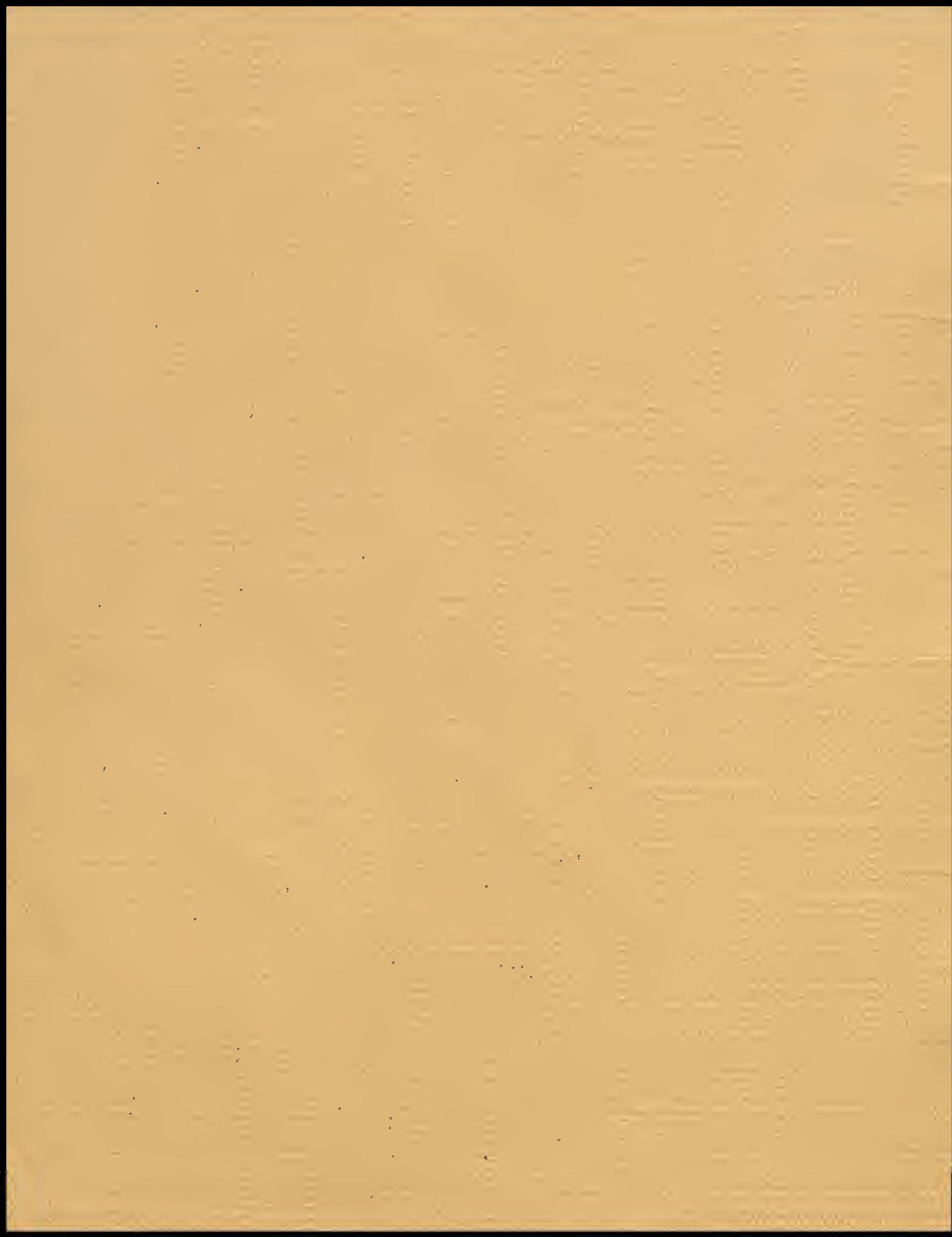


# SENIOR DAILY SPINNER



JANUARY  
1942



## Of Him We Sing

Abraham Lincoln, a great patriot with a simple soul, had an ideal—freedom for every individual in the United States. With the uniting of the North and South, Lincoln's ambition was realized.

Standing for truth and tolerance, he gained his place among the immortals—a man never to be forgotten.

We remember Lincoln today as a benefactor of and for the American people. We pay tribute to him, not in awe and wonderment, but as he would have wished it—with the warm feeling for an old friend.

Our school is proud to bear your name, Abe Lincoln! We, too, stand for honesty, truth, tolerance, and friendliness to all.



## Abraham Lincoln



*"Under the stars an end is made,  
And on the field the Southern blade  
Lies broken,  
And, where strife was, shall Union  
be,  
And, where was bondage, liberty.  
The word is spoken . . .  
Night passes."*

—By JOHN DRINKWATER.

**Progress . . .** Write down January 22, 1942, in school annals as the commencement date of still another pace-setting class!

**Progress . . .** Each group of Lincoln graduates points with pride to the school's advancement during its sojourn here. As a real measure of actual progress, the Class of January 1942 proposes to look back, through this issue of the SENIOR RAILSPLITTER, to the Class of January 1927, the first group to graduate from Lincoln High.

**Progress . . .** Although each class moves forward, its achievements for the present becoming the heritage of the future, the day-in-and-day-out, year-in-and-year-out progress at Lincoln shows the inspirational influence of the great exemplar, Abraham Lincoln; and the wise leadership of Mr. Nathan H. Weeks, first principal, and Mr. Aaron C. Hutchens, present principal.

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# *Nathan H. Weeks*

Principal  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
1923 - 1955

Social Science Instructor  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
1955 -



## *Of Whom We Are Proud*

Because there is about him, a dauntless quality of spirit which made him brick and mortar to Abraham Lincoln High School in its infancy; and keeps him still—after nineteen years of service—a shrewd counselor and beloved challenger, the Class of January 1942 dedicates to Mr. Nathan H. Weeks, first principal, this book which hopes to portray progress in the school of which he is so integral a part.

# Chieftains Change

## CLASS OFFICERS



*Jack Vestal*

JACK VESTAL  
President



RAY KING  
Vice President



MARILYN HOEGH  
Secretary



ROBERT NEWBERG  
Treasurer

THIS do change. So do senior class officers; but fundamental qualities necessary to those elected to leadership remain the same!

Characteristics of initiative, loyalty, and co-operation which 15 years ago enabled George Martz, Aloys Val Landingham, Ila Carpenter, and Jack Hamaker to become officers of the Class of January '27 were pertinent factors in the rise to fame of Jack Vestal, Ray King, Marilyn Hoegh, and Robert Newberg, officers of the Class of January '42.

President Martz presided over Lincoln's first graduating class with a membership of 54. Entering Lincoln as 9A's in 1923, the destined-to-be history setting class found a new building where school was held for only half a day at first.

The cafeteria was not opened; assemblies were held in the boys' gym with the floor as chairs; lockers had neither locks nor keys; the pool was not finished; and the gyms were unequipped. Enrollment totaled 692 including both junior and senior schools!

President Vestal presides over the January '42 class with a membership of 68. Entering Lincoln as members of the 7B class in the spring of 1936, the present graduating class leaves a school beautifully equipped for the convenience of 1800 students.

What were visions to the Class of January 1927 have become the heritage of the Class of January 1942.

. . . And 15 years hence, may today's chieftains look back, proud that their class contributed to the progress which keeps Lincoln marching on!



Principal A. C. HUTCHENS

. . . droll in humor

. . . lofty in ideals

*Reed*

**Kay Andersen**—Kay is the blonde b... bshell of the January '42 class . . . but definitely works industriously at her job of being make-up editor of the Yearbook . . . knows everything before it happens . . . just ask "Gary" . . . can do wonders with oil paints . . . has various interests . . . oh yes! . . . possesses a mania for shoes . . . biggest thrill took place during the 9A party (Jerry) . . . one swell gal . . . loves to tease the boss (Miss McF.) . . . Metida June



**Pearl Bowers**—Perk . . . new and sw... and is as nea... as a pin . . . not eas... embarrassed she claims but in truth is a shy ass . . . thrill... by her first airplane ride (more than one—you adventur...ess?) . . . once forgot to change clothes before going to school . . . felt a little out of place on her arrival . . . likable ou with a heat-warming . . .

## *Mary Mae Burris*

**Mary Mae Burris**—St Monica gal . . . a quiet nat... hides a lot of mischievousness . . . loves to cook and does a lot of it . . . with help of Mabe Ellis she cooks for about 25 gr... every night . . . her hobby . . . collecting filing 'recipes' . . . doesn't tell ambition but she probably would like to be a cook . . . everything seems to be cook, cook, and cook.



**Charles Butcher**—tal... s... lots of lie... lies to fool around with cars . . . green very frequently with Alice . . . enjoys hunting and playing baseball . . . is not in love with work but would like to be a first-class carpenter some day . . . has carried paper faithfully for an awful long time . . . lives out Ft Des Moines way . . . respond... to calls of Butch or Charlie.

## *Doris Campbell*

**Doris Campbell**—resembles Jeanne... . . . ca... ed Dody Lou for short . . . may be seen most anywhere in town during school sessions . . . appeared in April Showers . . . turned 99 handsprings when Lincoln beat Roosevelt in football . . . wants to be the best of beauty operators . . . can hardly wait until January 22.



## *Frances Compapiro*

**Frances Compapiro**—bedimmed mis... with fun-loving spirit . . . twinkling toes on a dance floor . . . twinkling eyes in class room . . . conscientious hall monitor . . . affectionately known as "Compo" . . . just being a sen or thrill's her . . . no embarrassing moments . . . to speak of

## *Wayne Christian*

**Wayne Christian**—intelligence extraordinaire . . . the "Dutch" Reagan type . . . one of the oldest members and now president of the projectors league . . . considers it a special honor to locker with Bob Newberg . . . hobby is eating . . . has numerous ambitions . . . had his most embarrassing moment in the Des Moines Theatre . . . Christie is still waiting for his biggest thrill . . . has a mania for wearing vividly colored bow ties.



**Helen Coburn**—tall, dark, meticulously groomed . . . striking dresser . . . makes her own clothes . . . went to Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri as a graduation present . . . won an electric sewing machine at a recent sewing contest sponsored by Younkers . . . has been in the H. E. dept. for three years.

## *Don Cobron*

**Donald Cobron**—nicknames plentiful known best as "Archebald" . . . regular Casanova . . . was out for football . . . likes to drive, hunt . . . carry papers says he can't remember any embarrassing moments but from his sensitive nature . . . ? ? ? . . . caters to girls, preferably from North . . . would like to go to Iowa State College and study civil engineering . . . very studious . . . usually wearing pine-apple clip . . . should go places.



## *Mary Crawford*

**Mary Crawford**—sweet little strawberry blonde . . . always seen with Marilyn or Jean Tri-Deb . . . long a member of office staff . . . answers to names of Mac and Maisie . . . wants to teach dancing in college . . . secretary of student council . . . enjoys sitting by Brooks . . . trips to a light fantastic . . . Elizabeth is her middle name . . . led last senior class in baccalaureate, commencement, and class day exercises.

## *Jack Curtis*

**Jack Curtis**—veteran member of the band . . . been in four operettas . . . band manager and student director . . . hobbies consist of driving a car . . . and airplanes . . . Hippo's ambition is to fly a pursuit ship in the Army Air Corps . . . thrills, job with United Air Lines, first flight across the mountains, and a certain blonde whose initials are E. O.



## *Eustace Dunagan*

**Eustace Dunagan**—smart as a whip . . . but oh, so modest . . . member of Sluggers Legion . . . his huge vocabulary keeps one bewildered . . . played football, basketball . . . attributes biggest thrill to starting in first football contest as center . . . talks with a twang . . . mutters in his beard . . . co-editor of regular Rail and literary editor of the Senior Railsplitter . . . baby of class . . . loved by all.

**Darlene Ellenwood**—collector of odd things . . . what nots and junk . . . long brown hair and frank blue eyes . . . "Darsy" aims to be a receptionist . . . or go to Baltimore . . . big moment . . . Dick . . . smaller moment . . . graduating . . . caught cheating in grade school . . . a most humiliating experience . . . Girl Reserve . . . all round swell gal.



**Betty Jean Fugor**—editor of Senior Rail . . . Tri-Deb . . . thrilled over a thrill . . . still remembers knock-down drag-out with a little girl in grade school . . . embarrassed upon discovering Mrs. Mitchell could read her shorthand . . . why, Betty!!! . . . dreams of a good commercial job . . . another camping trip . . . a sincere pal . . . ambitious and always on the go.



**Dorothy Gasperi**—Gaspire . . . a Tri-Deb who has traveled far . . . ambition (?) to attend a certain wedding on a certain date . . . bathing beauty and we're not kidding . . . captain of tennis team . . . sports three monograms . . . dolefully remembers her daily spats with Dorothy Mitchell at Maple Grove . . . Art is her biggest thrill.



**Frank Hoffman**—lean, lanky hunk of Romeo . . . thrilled to death over Frank H. . . . "Ola!" . . . secretly professes a desire to work on WPA . . . works on make-up for Rail in order to be near Mary Kay . . . automobiles and eating occupy second place in hobbies . . . first? women!! . . . has many a skeleton in his grade school closet . . . dedicated his life to the Tri-Debs.



**Rose Izzolena**—a petite little eyeful . . . hers being a snapping black . . . just too, too embarrassed when she fell flat in front of a crowd when playing with Younkers baseball team . . . Curly is her biggest thrill . . . idle moments taken up by baseball, singing, bowling, movies, and Lionel . . . yearns for a position as stenographer or telephone operator.



**Everett Dean Jones**—"Emmett" . . . master mechanic . . . can sling a car together as fast as he can eat a sundae—strawberry marshmallow, please . . . always in a hurry . . . loves to hunt . . . can usually be seen wearing a hunting cap and carrying a paper sack . . . thrilled over winning his R. & T. red necktie.



**Lurena Free**—"Rena" . . . a cute little tick . . . but oh, so shy . . . roller skates equestrienne extraordinaire . . . yearns for California . . . super if she could fly there would make darling aviatrix . . . long ago went to school with dress wrong side out . . . embarrassed but never too, too utterly . . . Girl Reserve . . . exchange editor of regular Rail

## *Jean Garrison*

**Jean Garrison**—"Gary" . . . musical gal with magical fingers . . . co-editor of regular Rail . . . proud possessor of GAA monogram . . . Tri-Deb . . . stoutly avows her biggest thrill hasn't happened . . . as yet . . . beauteous brown hair . . . snapping brown eyes betray Jeanie's quiet mischievousness . . . a loyal friend who claims innumerable embarrassing moments but refuses to disclose even one . . . what about Do beer???

**Marilyn Hoegh**—giggling gal of the Rail staff . . . always has a snappy comeback on hand . . . has a lot in common with Lana Turner . . . secretary of the senior class . . . columnist for regular Railsplitter . . . collects elephants (miniatures, we assume) . . . Daisy admits no big thrills but where would you classify Bob, Blondie? . . . Jean and Mary are her other two-thirds.

**Betty Hougham**—cornetist of the class . . . becoming more attractive day by day . . . big ambition is to work for the government and travel . . . goes to church every Sunday . . . Pet falls out her clothes in a satisfactory way . . . has a keen sense of humor and never misses a chance to display it.

**Art Johnson**—Nicknamed "John" . . . likes sports, hates work . . . good golfer . . . played on basketball and golf teams . . . starting first basketball game was his biggest thrill . . . has fun getting into trouble . . . hopes to be a success in something sometime . . . sounds desperate . . . on sports staff of Railsplitter . . . gets a kick out of hunting (all kinds of game) . . . some people call him "Ole."

**Pauline Jose**—"Polly" dotes on keeping busy . . . befriends struggling journalists . . . witty . . . blushed upon entering a classroom minus a pink slip plus a stiff lecture . . . thrilled on becoming an aunt . . . literary editor of June '41 Senior Rail . . . bound to be successful at all tasks she undertakes . . . chairman of class day committee . . . and a Rock of Gibraltar in home room 118 since 'way back when!

*Gary Garrison*

**Fred Karnes**—Lincoln's mighty mite divides his time among football, fighting, and Maude Ruth . . . two-letter man in football . . . picked on all-city team . . . likes to eat, sleep, hunt, and play football . . . was thrilled most when he was elected captain of the football team . . . sports editor of Rail-splitter . . . ambition is to live and let live and Maude Ruth . . . rough and ready known to all as 'Freddie.'



*Handwritten note: Fred Karnes*

**Mary Kaup**—Kept a cheerful gal think full of laughs . . . member of leaders club and GAA . . . hobby . . . philatelist . . . no thrill . . . no embarrassing moments . . . sounds like he's just not talkin' . . . friendly . . . cute . . . pleases . . . no member interested in science

**Frances Kennedy**—bashful dark eyed beauty . . . loves to sew . . . read books . . . and collect teddy bears . . . Frankie wants to see the sights of the U. S. upon her graduation . . . which will be her biggest thrill . . . sadly remembers being sent to the office for ringing teachers' bells in grade school . . . home room secretary in 118.



**Ray King**—vice president of senior class . . . quiet, unassuming sort of chap . . . on swimming team . . . likes swimming, hunting, basketball . . . other sports . . . Ray, an Army brat has traveled widely . . . biggest thrill is being able to graduate with the class he originally started with after being gone for different periods . . . was greatly embarrassed when running down a hall he tramped on a teacher's foot . . . hates to leave school.

*Handwritten note: Paul Konrad*  
**Paul Konrad**—quiet but clever . . . with the gals never . . . member of student council . . . veteran of projectors league . . . played football in 11th grade . . . news editor of regular Rail-splitter . . . co-editor of Senior Rail . . . special honors-member of H. R. 120 . . . lockers by himself . . . hobbies eating, sleeping . . . jokingly states only ambitions are to be a chemical engineer or ditch digger for W. P. A. . . . biggest thrill—still waiting.



**John Madison**—known to many as "Fort" . . . member of P. A. gang . . . played football . . . proud of being a columnist on the Rail-splitter for one issue . . . hobbies lean toward women, soda jerking, and women as for grade school skeletons, John lost half a finger in a locker at Maple Grove . . . will help anyone out if said person has an extra girl . . . doesn't know what future holds in store.

**Helen Martin**—St. Joseph's Academy's gift to Lincoln . . . won first place in essay contest . . . served on the get-together committee . . . wistful Mona Lisa smile . . . is o-o-o! so shy but we love her just the same. . . . smoothie at dancing.



**Russell Matson**—"Ruck" . . . the pride of 120s electricians . . . thinks he's on the "Decker" committee" . . . airplane enthusiast . . . to become a first-class machinist would fulfill Russ's ambition . . . North River is his favorite spot to relax . . . helped to put the basketball scoreboard in tip-top condition . . . can fix anything from a Mickey Mouse watch to a Lincoln Zephyr.

*Handwritten note: Helen McCoy*  
**Helen McCoy**—tall, willowy redhead . . . likes to take boat rides at midnight . . . speed demon . . . called "Chicken" by her intimate friends . . . roller skating is her hobby, ambition, and pastime . . . watches her step and never gets into embarrassing moments . . . wants to own a hundred thousand pairs of silk hose . . . graduating is immaterial—to McCoy.



*Handwritten note: Kenneth Miller*

**Kenneth Miller**—nicknames Ton . . . Ken . . . proofreader and member of circulation staff of Senior Rail-splitter . . . fullback of football team . . . Ken's ambition is to see Southern California, play football in Rose Bowl . . . biggest thrill will be when he sees Southern California play . . . flunked in third grade . . . once tore a boy's shirt and . . . gets continual ribbing from Mr. Gerhart for betting on Brooklyn for the World's Series.

**Dorothy Mitchell**—thrills galore in Dottie's life . . . biggest one upon receiving lead in operetta . . . cans a Ford all over town . . . interested in Indianola . . . and Ahquabi . . . Tri-Deb charter member . . . delighted at prospect of attending college . . . dolefully (?) remembers when Honey planted a kiss on her cheek and ran . . . (unhappy 'cuz ran, Midge?) . . . loads of fun . . .



**Phyllis Moline**—blonde hair, blue eyes, and oomph to spare . . . few embarrassing moments—but thrills!—ask Tommy . . . thinks JS has bee-e-a-tiful physique . . . wears a diamond AND a fur coat . . . only ambition is to be Tommy's secretary and . . . Tri-Deb . . . pals with Gussy . . . no whims about graduating.

*Handwritten note: Phyllis Moline*

*Handwritten note: Dorothy Mitchell*  
Hattie been knowing  
It's been knowing  
you. Dottie

*Bob Morgan*

**Robert Morgan**—the godfather of Lincoln athletes . . . has been equipment manager for some time . . . likes to draw cartoons and nurse Lincoln's football teams . . . ambition is to see World and Rose Bowl games . . . greatest thrill came watching Lincoln beat Roosevelt in football . . . once won \$18 in a soap contest . . . was embarrassed most when coach asked him to give a speech at homecoming . . . just "Moge".



**Leona Murphy**—blonde Irishman . . . declares she wants a farm—minus the farmer—why Murph, aintcha got no romance in your soul? . . . athletically inclined . . . interested in everything . . . biggest thrill will take place when her diploma is delivered into her dainty white hands . . . works at school board during afternoons and loves it . . . chooses a career above all else but then—Leona is a very attractive girl.



**Bob Newberg**—blood light complexion, and about medium built, Newy is treasurer of senior class . . . vice-president of projectors league . . . "Newberry" played basketball, football, and went out for track . . . business manager of Railsplitter . . . news editor of Greenhorn . . . spends great deal of time with his father in the store . . . once arrested for haunting a haunted house . . . member of service groups homeroom . . . exceedingly high scholastic rating.



**Olga Palmieri**—small brunette, lassie whose resemblance to Sonja Henie is, indeed, striking . . . one of the very few individuals possessing "A-1" teeth . . . although an unassumingly quiet Miss, she is the life of the party . . . is interested in becoming an experienced skater (we hope).



**Donald Payne**—short and red headed . . . "Archie" is cap and gown chairman . . . music editor . . . glossy editor of Senior Railsplitter . . . his only ambition is to be able to sign C.P.A. after his name some day . . . most embarrassing moment yet to come . . . biggest thrill was when he met C.D.B. . . once flunked in 2B . . . thought it was because teacher liked him, but was too small to be promoted.



**Evelyn Reeser**—member of the advertising staff and art club . . . took part in a style review way back when . . . hobbies are skating and playing baseball . . . her ambition is to be a successful homemaker . . . says her most embarrassing moment is yet to come while her biggest thrill happened at a dance . . . nickname . . . Bambino.

*Evelyn Reeser*



**Robert Mueller**—large, lazy, and handsome . . . was on junior high swimming team . . . a swell football career brought abruptly to a close when Bob was unfortunately injured in the first game of the season . . . aspires to be a first class stationary engineer . . . likes to hunt, fish, and enters into any kind of sports . . . spends most of his time and money on East side "gal" . . . thrilled when he started first football game . . . "Robb".

**Don Neff**—shy, quiet type . . . goes in for swimming and other sports . . . holds down a place on the swimming team . . . likes hiking and outdoor camping . . . big ambition is to keep away from work . . . as sistant sports editor of Railsplitter . . . home room president . . . enjoys skating, winter sports . . . biggest thrill yet to appear . . . very intelligent, but you wouldn't know it . . . called "Ducks", "Geef".

**Marjorie Nungesser**—quiet and unassuming Arge just can't reveal her most embarrassing moment . . . thrilled when starting to work at YMCA . . . collecting salt and pepper shakers her hobby—also Leona Murphy . . . wants only to be her own boss . . . tall, blonde, and athletic . . . sports two GAA monograms.

**Twila Parrick**—artistically inclined . . . tall, dark, and industrious . . . one of the numerous lassies of the class who flash diamonds and plans to marry soon . . . Gene is the name . . . artist of the regular and senior Railsplitters . . . when there is something to be done, Twelle gets it done, and in a hurry . . . her ambition is to raise a football team.

**Nellie Pontious**—a petite brunette on the fragile side . . . gentle nature . . . quiet as a mouse . . . independent and knows her own mind . . . told us, as well as Mrs. Hall, she has gipped school one day (out of her entire Lincoln high career).

**Robert Reynolds**—handsome redhead sticks to the 3 R's. Robert Richard Reynolds . . . is a veteran member of the band and orchestra . . . pals with Rex Surber . . . practically rooms and boards at the soda grill . . . quite a whiz in history in spite of the fact that he is continually tardy. Held a prominent position at a local department store on High School Day.

*June Richards*  
June Richards—petite Mrs of the senior class. intelligent hard working gal placed first in the class scholastic rating . . . her ambition is to stay out of trouble for an entire week . . . (now June!) asserts that her biggest thrill happened in Bethany (Windy) news editor of the regular Rail and associate editor of the Year book hails from East high



**Gene Rogers**—transferred from Waterloo small, but has a lot of power . . . in his lungs . . . 'Windy' likes to hunt, fish, play tennis . . . toys with a camera . . . would like to be a millionaire playboy . . . can't say about the millionaire . . . used to get mouth taped in grade school for talking too much . . . says he never was embarrassed . . . don't know

**Louise Sarasio**—'Dewise' appeared in Tribune for basketball picture . . . hobbies—driving, football, basketball, DEWEY . . . ambition—to be a good secretary and wife to DEWEY . . . biggest thrill—DEWEY . . . passed on trial from kindergarten to first grade but now takes away class honors in shorthand and typing . . . athletic but feminine . . . most embarrassing moment—ask DEWEY



*Jack Sarver*  
**Jack Sarver**—tall, good looking young man . . . beautiful posture . . . played football on first team . . . is a transfer from North high . . . likes girls and is an accomplished artist . . . several girls swoon at the sight of him . . . very cute and never makes a big show . . . has fun playing football . . . loafing . . . don't say anything about his ambition . . . must have one . . . called Jack 'Sarver'

*Louise Sarasio*

*Vivian Shaffer*  
**Vivian Shaffer**—Viv . . . make-up assistant of regular Rail . . . home room president and member of get-together committee—likes to swim and dance . . . most embarrassing moment came when she became stuck between two floors while on a self-operating elevator . . . biggest thrill is to graduate . . . a swell gal to know—but definitely!



*Grant Weitzkorn*  
**Grant Simpson**—only cus . . . possessor of charming dimples . . . migrated from here to Texas and then back . . . likes to hunt . . . carry papers . . . and sits with Nielsen . . . embarrassed one night at Des Moines theater . . . won't explain details . . . his biggest thrill is to earn several Model T Fords . . . has no definite ambition . . . member of student council and swimming team . . . called affectionately Weitzkorn . . . Grant-land 'Simp.'

*Warren Simpson*  
**Warren Simpson**—dark haired . . . very nice looking . . . likes girls and vice versa . . . especially from around Roosevelt . . . went to Texas long ago . . . played football while there . . . wants to graduate with original class . . . runs round with Nielsen brother Grant, and gang . . . always into trouble . . . always has fun . . . publicity manager of Railsplitter . . . hobby and ambition is "Gertie" . . . known as "Simp." and "Foxy"



**Marilyn Smith**—another member of Rail advertising staff . . . on informal committee . . . hobby is developing him . . . ambition is to get a good job . . . insists that her most embarrassing moment is still in the future . . . most thrilling thrill is in Hawaii . . . Evelyn's side-kick is very quiet . . . but interesting to know

*Elizabeth Staude*  
**Elizabeth Staude**—Lizzie . . . one of the more glamorous seniors . . . pals with Ginny . . . biggest thrill is in Seattle . . . skating and dancing occupy her idle moments . . . likes boys . . . boys like her . . . to travel . . . and travel . . . and travel would fulfill her utmost desire . . . good sport . . . age-old member of chorus . . . aide de-luxe on get together committee



*Virginia Stevens*

**Virginia Stevens**—Sister . . . one of the class's blue-eyed blondes . . . had to stand in the corner every day at Maple Grove . . . did a whale of a job as chairman of the halls committee . . . thrilled speechless when Mr Hasty congratulated her for it . . . wants to become a clerk . . . seen in Sayers nursery with "Gene" or dancing with "Mort"

*Rex Surber*  
**Rex Surber**—Bob Reynolds' other half . . . short with wavy hair . . . on class day committee and Railsplitter staff . . . in casts of The Fortune Teller and the Hilarities . . . has played in the band for quite some time . . . professes no other ambition than to own a new Cadillac . . . seen with different girls but mostly with Virginia . . . is band manager . . . friends call him "Snoop"



**Rita Tognetti**—shy, dark-haired circulation manager of regular Rail . . . Warren's inspiration and side-kick . . . likes the piano but tickled when playing the accordion . . . has never had an embarrassing moment . . . captured second place in state essay contest . . . desires to be a librarian or dietician . . . eager to be of help at a times.

*Rita Tognetti*

Charles J. Tomkinson tall, dark, and daring ambition is to be in the U S Marine Air Corps or Annapolis Academy . . . an embarrassing moment has never interrupted Tom's life and he still patiently awaits his biggest thrill . . . hobbies are photography and skating . . . mathematical whiz still remembers getting through sixth grade by the skin of his teeth . . . oh so proud of two brothers in Marine Corp



Best  
Wishes  
Jack Vestal

**Jack Vestal** — Jake likes basketball, baseball. Betty senior class president first team basketball two years, track team . . . big ambition is to become big league baseball player . . . enjoys cruising around in "Paps" car . . . eating . . . embarrassed most when his name was seen in the paper by everyone for receiving a traffic summons . . . biggest thrill was hitting a ball pitched by Bob Feller . . . one swell guy

**Jerry Wallace**—one of the big roving brutes of senior class—usually found wherever any body is having a good time . . . member of student council . . . golf team . . . columnist of regular Rail . . . member of informal committee . . . hobbies—golf, swimming, roller skating . . . ambition to be a success in some field of business . . . embarrassing moment too embarrassing to reveal . . . once called teacher by her nickname in grade school.



**Eugene Wright**—on roller skates 'Flash' is a whiz . . . longs to be the best two-stepper on skates . . . generally sickly in grade school but terrifically healthy now . . . thrilled on receiving his first (more than one?) new bicycle . . . flustered when he tripped two girls while skating . . . would be okay by him to follow in father's footsteps and be a pressman

Sketches for members of the graduating class whose picture do not appear are given below:

Claudine Mapel—ta', slender glamour girl . . . trim attractive listener . . . cuz she be ever that actions speak louder than words . . . let loose with her talents in a junior operetta . . . once upon a time she used to take time out from school—but those days are gone forever . . . works in Mrs Ha's office . . . a swell a'round girl

Richard Nielson likes his middle name . . . why? . . . Dolbeer . . . tall lanky, individual called Rich by intimates . . . member of swimming team since way back when . . . captain . . . feature editor on Railsplitter . . . chums around with Simpson boys, originator of crazy ideas . . . jokingly states that his ambition is to become a bootlegger or gambler . . . really professes to go to Iowa U . . . 'Nile' likes to swim . . . loaf . . . EAT . . . prey of student coun-  
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# 'With malice toward none'

**F**OSTERING Abraham Lincoln as a great exemplar, Lincoln High School has a faculty of 60 members who perpetuate through their own personalities, many of Lincoln's fine qualities.

*Lincoln was big of heart.*

So are:

Miss Eunice Cripe  
Miss Mildred Hoyt  
Mr. Henry Sanders  
Miss Jeannette Lewis

*Lincoln was warm and human.*

So are:

Mrs. Louise Hamilton  
Miss Marjorie McFarland  
Mr. Francis Sharratt  
Miss Margaret Hurd

*Lincoln was firm in purpose.*

So are:

Mrs. Ada Tippett  
Mrs. B. Pearl Mapel  
Miss Gladys Sutter  
Miss Geraldine Scholfield  
Miss Edith Sherwood

*Lincoln was quick of wit.*

So are:

Miss A. Irene Moroney  
Mr. Milton Gerhart  
Miss Annamae Heaps  
Mr. Rolland Meffert

*Lincoln was tolerant.*

So are:

Miss Elizabeth Amlie  
Mr. Elmer C. Betz  
Mr. Cecil D. Snyder  
Mr. H. D. Eickelberg

*Lincoln had faith in others.*

So have:

Miss Hazel Mitchell  
Miss Pearl Roberts  
Mr. Aaron C. Hutchens  
Mr. Harold C. Johnson  
Mr. Francis A. Talarico

*Lincoln was keen of mind.*

So are:

Miss Mary Coffey  
Mr. Nathan H. Weeks  
Mr. George Chatman

*Lincoln's integrity was impeccable.*

So is that of:

Miss Amy Coventry  
Miss Alice Holmes  
Miss Martha Epp  
Mr. Virgil Fox

*Lincoln gave unselfish service.*

So do:

Mr. W. S. Morgenthaler  
Mrs. Goldie Arnold  
Miss Mary Jean Calvert  
Miss Helen Dunkelberg

*Lincoln was direct and unaframed.*

So are:

Mrs. Vida Hall  
Miss Margaret McEniry  
Mr. F. E. Engel  
Mr. Edward N. Nelson

*Lincoln got things done.*

So do:

Mr. J. R. Anderson  
Miss Alice Myers  
Mrs. Mabel Robbins

*Lincoln loved his fellow men.*

So do:

Miss Emily Scanlan  
Miss Nora Sherwood  
Mr. George Harris  
Miss Ethyl Olson

*Lincoln was steadfast and sane.*

So are:

Mr. Norbert Busch  
Miss Winnie Linquist  
Mr. Carl G. Harris  
Miss Vida Cox

*Lincoln never bore a grudge.*

Neither do:

Mr. Wm. C. Shaw  
Mr. H. A. Grabau  
Mrs. Modesta Barton  
Mr. C. W. Baskerville  
Mr. Lorin H. Graaff

*Lincoln was a thinker.*

So are:

Miss Odessa Farley  
Miss Virginia Dewey  
Miss Eleanor Selby



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Boys' Adviser, vice-principal

*E. C. Betz*



MRS. VIDA HALL  
Girls' Adviser





## Bright Omens for Lincoln's Future



### 8A's—Upper Picture

**8A 1 Class**—Anderson, Boles, Barnes, Blanchard, Bohner, Brightenam, Burlingame, Chiods, Coellneo, Cronin, De Camp, Dennis, Dickey, Geil, Greenfield, Haney, Henry, Kunkel, Lara, Laws, Manning, Magnuson, McClintic, Moore, Morlan, Mote, Mueller, Murphy, Nielsen, Paskva, J. Roth, M. Roth, Serasio, Sheldon, D. Stevens, M. Stevens, Thompson, Wallace, Williams, Musselman, Wilson, Harvey

**8A 2 Class**—Ballard, Baber, Belieu, Coponigro, Christian, Davis, Dahainin, Dew, Dammerville, B. Evans, C. Evans, Garick, Heldreth, Kennedy, Kirschbaum, Lewis, McKelvoque, Michesox, Monbogenese, Mote, Ostrem, Ran, Raymond, Robinson, Russell, Scribner, Sears, Small, B. Smith, H. Smith, Stahl, Thomas, Williams

**8A 3 Class**—Alexander, Anderson, Beidler, Bowers, Broad, Cain, Couch, Dagle, Dale, Die Kemo, Dammerville, Elvin, Genovese, Goble, Gruwell, Helton, Jarnagin, Keengensmith, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Pearson, Clark, Murphy, Musselman, Nizzie, Powell, Tam, Thacker, Trapp, Montenese, Dahainin

**Junior Chorus**—First Row left to right: Pierart, Blaydes, Davis, Clark, Branco, Rivera, Judd, Stahl, Christian, Campapiano, Gruwell, P. Woods  
Second Row: Bogle, Mazzer, Thompson, Wetherton, Cowden, N. Woods, Bouger, Montray, Tarr, Eaton, Brebner, Maxwell, Thomas  
Third Row: Mrs. Mapel, Reyes, Newton, Tinlin, Benton, Crane, Cavender, Mason, Breman, Cox, Newman, Steven  
Fourth Row: Belieu, Baker, Garlick, Caponigro, Blanchard, Klingensmith, Williams, Conn, Barber, Seals.

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Third Row: Grate, Rittel, Bloomquist, Clarke, Nelson, Newton, Smith  
Fourth Row: Newton, Van Ginkel, Sonneborne, Miss Cripe, Nemechek, Smith

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Third Row: Freeman, Berry, Thomas

**Nurses Staff**—First Row, left to right: Knouf, Cherry, Gemmill, Green  
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# He's A Big Boy Now!

VOL. I, No. 1

THE first edition of THE RAILSPLITTER, official school newspaper, was printed May 1925, as a literary attempt on the part of members of that memorable first class of Abraham Lincoln High School.

The cut of the baby appearing on this page is 17 years old, having been treasured by Mrs. Goldie Arnold, registrar, after it was run on the front page of that first RAILSPLITTER to typify the infant newspaper with its appealing cut-line, "Help us make him grow!"

## The First Railsplitter!!



Help us make him grow!

The cartoon was drawn by Kate Eldridge and Billy Strange; and the paper was edited by Frances Roberts. Somewhat miniature compared to today's RAILSPLITTERS, the first edition measured ten by fourteen inches, and consisted of two sheets. No rules divided the four columns allotted each page.

No section was set aside for sports and none for editorials. Carrying 45 inches of advertising, the first edition displayed a 10-inch, 2-column ad of Frankel's, a firm which still buys space in THE RAILSPLITTER.

Sports news disclosed that boys were looking forward to a horse-shoe tournament among homerooms and were hoping for a city tournament!

The year following its initial appearance, THE RAILSPLITTER began to be issued regularly, and was published by a staff which included the 15 members of the first journalism class.

In the third year of its existence, on January 21, 1927, a special senior number of THE RAILSPLITTER was published commemorating activities of the first class ever to graduate from Abraham Lincoln High School.

And thus, the first SENIOR RAILSPLITTER was evolved and is preserved today in newspaper form as a part of the regular RAILSPLITTER . . . Vol. 5, No. 8.

**Office Staff**—(Top Picture) — Left to right Bradish, Westergaard, Crawford, Pettit, Bloomquist, Bradish, Darns, Calvert, Mrs. Arnold.

**Advisers' Staff**—First Row, seated left to right, York, Carman, Mr. Betz, Mrs. Hall, Vestal.

Second Row Small, Hines, Jackson, Pilmer, Sonneborne, Mapel, Johnson, Clemmer

**Monitors**—First Row, left to right Holmes, Randall, St. John Mitchell, Stanton, Osipchack, Durand, Murphey, Wilson.

Second Row De Fino, Johnson, Hines, Evans, Carl Greenfield, De Appolonia, Stevens, Mr. Betz.

Third Row Uhlman, Peppers, Clark, Robinson, Helms, Jeffries, Martin.

Fourth Row Buwan, Bell, Buckley, Brown, Van Trisk, Warrick, Deever, Bushong, Burgett, Roland.

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Second Row Comiskey, Bradley, Gasperi, Newton D. Clark York.

Third Row Mr. Morgenthaler, Lester, Johnson, Morris, H. Johnson, Mr. Baskerville, Barbe Sonneborne

Fourth Row Brightman, Wallace, Pefferle, Lurie, Moore.



Sam

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Ray Hollingsworth



# SPORTS



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# Saga Makers



*Best Wishes Ruth Johnson*

**Junior Student Council**—Top picture—First Row, left to right. Gale, Oliver, M. Chiodo, Meliste, Stetson, Wood, Mazzi, N. Van Ginkle, Kronick, Russo, Couch, Ballard  
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 Third Row: Wilson, Brown, Ballew, Johnson, Bowers, Wallace, Kaup, Scruby  
 Fourth Row: Davidson, Andersen, Peppers, Macon, Simpson, Nielsen, Cohron, Lurie, Holmes.  
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# Lincoln Keeps Singing



**Senior Chorus**—Abild, Boggs, Calhoun, Cunningham, Farson, Freeman, Green, Harlow, Harmon, Hartman, Hildreth, Herker, Izzeleena, Jeffries, Ligutti, Marturelo, McMahan, Merkel, Mitchell, Noack, Palmer, Reynolds, Rickabaugh, Seymour, Scruby, Mary Jean Stanley, Chris Stanley, Staude, Steven, Surber, Tam, Textor, Thomas, Willcoxen, Mortimore, Martin, Parrick, Van Note.

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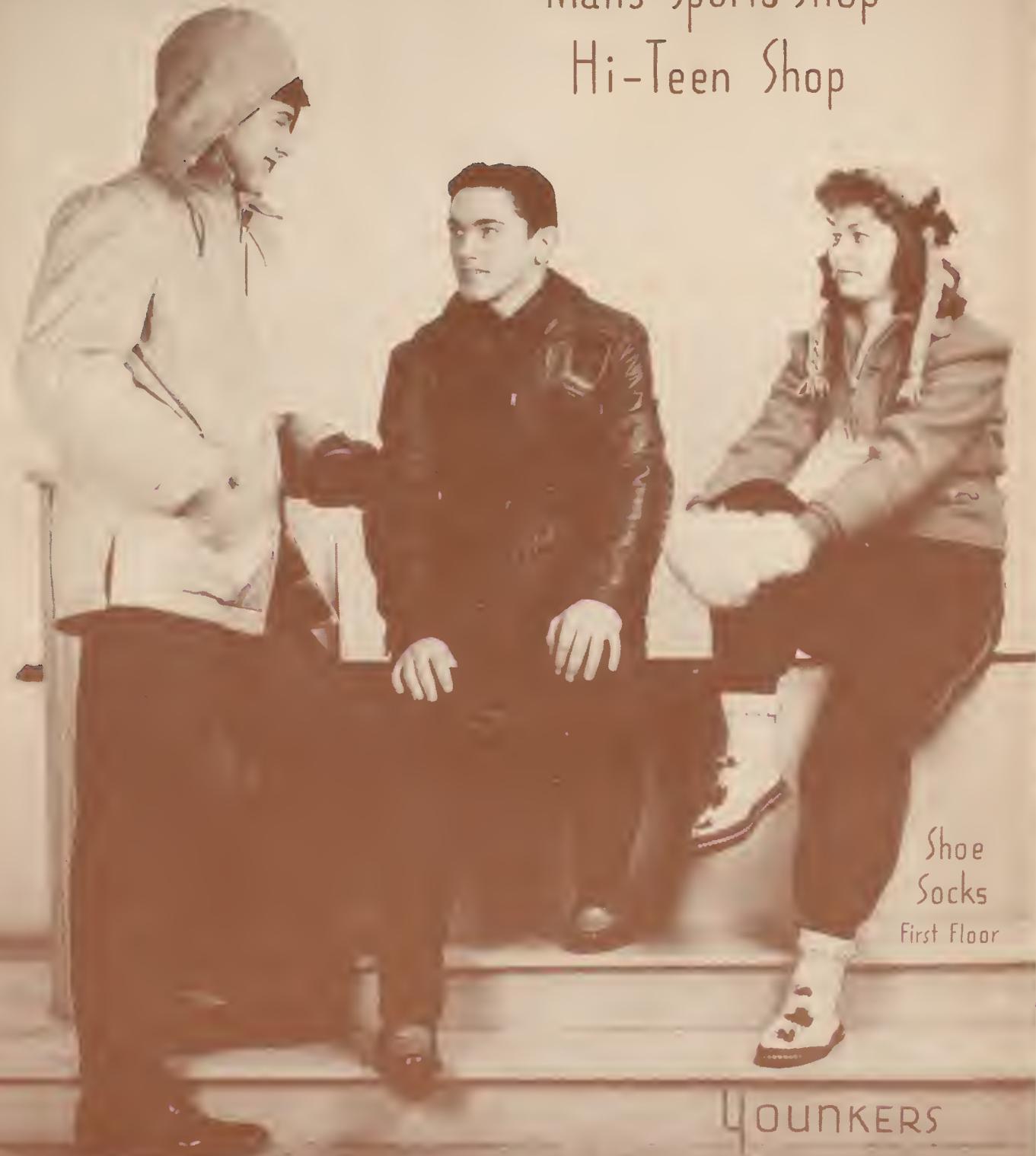
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9. Lola, Jeanie Scruby, Gussy, and Dottie—some of the Tri-Debs. 10 Jack Vesta—big league 11 Betty Jean—and Dottie's pooch. 12. Miss Sutter—ahh sweet repose! 13. Harriet Scruby—delightful dish 14. Jake —isn't he sweet . . . just 6 months

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17. Twila Parrick — "wouldn't that frost you" 18. Jean Garrison—camera shy 19. Frank Hoffman—sweet and lovable? 20. Dick Thomas—why doesn't someone tell us these things? 21. Harvey Masimore "In the mood." 22. Warren and Grant—grin and bear it 23. Mr. Hutchens and a couple of "studes."

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## 1941-1942

**1** Mr. Elmer C. Betz became Lincoln's new vice principal and boys' adviser, replacing Mr. Emmett U. Hasty, who was transferred to Roosevelt High School to assume principalship there.

**2** Jack Saver, North High's gift to women came to Lincoln to thrill the gals, and Harriet Scruby of Bismarck, North Dakota, became one of Dale Pilmer's assistant majorettes.

**3** Lincoln High, O glorious day! presented its stadium to the city on a sunny September morn. Mr. George Peck, president of the schoolboard, accepted it while students basked and cheered!

**4** A second homecoming was held December 1 with luscious Ruth Johnson reigning as queen. The first parade in the history of Lincoln was staged and grid iron heroes won over Winterset.

**5** Fringed dishtowels, used as feminine headgear, became the most popular fad; boots stepped in and held their own; Miss McFarland's collection of doo dads continued to increase; and Tri Deb girls flourished.

**6** Jean Garrison and Junior Dunagan co-edited the regular RAILSPITTER with Carmella Anania and Harold Brightman taking over the Greenhorn issue. Mrs. Jane Hutchens completed her second book, *TIMOTHY LARKIN*.

**7** Freddie Karnes made the all-city football team; and he, Dick Thomas, and Frank Elfritz placed on the all conference team. Helen Martin won first place in a state essay contest, receiving \$5.

**8** War was declared December 7; in a 3 day drive, the school raised \$329 to establish a Lincoln Victory fund to be used for all Lincoln boys at war; a service honor roll was hung in the hall.

## Time Tells This Wondrous Story

### 1923-1942

**W**HEN the first senior class of Lincoln High School pioneered the first SENIOR RAILSPITTER in January 1927, they were building toward a future of yearbooks edited with journalistic distinction.

In contrast to today's book with its 52 pages recording the activities of a single semester, the first edition was a 6-column newspaper of four pages, picturing all 54 graduates in one half page cut, and portraying a three years' record of events.

To the present staff hoping to mark progress made at Lincoln since the school's establishment in 1923, that first SENIOR RAILSPITTER serves as a treasured and indelible record.

Advancement in sports strikes a clarion note. On September 26, 1921, Lincoln High School presented its football stadium to the city of Des Moines in a triumphant ceremony of speeches, music, and a newly hoisted flag.

Concerning football in those early days, the 1927 SENIOR RAILSPITTER records:

"... in 1923 and '24 the football squad played only second teams... the next year, we played our first real football, entering with the first teams of the city. No city games were won, although we were victorious over Adel 6-0 and Dexter 10-6..."

"... in the fall of 1926 we won our first city game from North, 12-0. This was our only victory as far as scores were concerned, but our team and student body won a victory in that the school learned what it meant to support a team—and the team learned what it meant to fight for a school that was backing it."

In the absence of a speech department, pioneer Lincolnites established an organization called the Belasco Dramatics Club. Short plays were worked out in club meetings, and several public performances were given, including "Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil," "Sir David Wears a Crown," and "The Hoodoo."

## TIME TELLS THIS WONDROUS STORY

(Continued)

This present semester marks the transfer of Miss Vesper Price, former dramatics teacher, to Logan school as vice-principal, and the introduction to the dramatics department of Miss Annamae Heaps, under whose supervision a 5-act play, "Almost Eighteen," has been cast and slated for production next month.

Music activities have grown from an initial extra-curricular organization of a band to a full-fledged department with a marching band, totaling 60 members, whose drills and intricate formations at football games win the respect and plaudits of every school in the city.

Among present faculty members who have a special interest in that first graduating class are Mr. Nathan H. Weeks and Mrs. Goddie Arnold. The names of Kae Weeks and Della Mae Arnold, faculty daughters, appear repeatedly in that first senior edition as leaders in school activities.

Edith and Ethel Allen, twin daughters of Mr. Leo Allen, head custodian, were also members of the Class of '27.

The records reveal that the Girls' Athletic Association was organized in 1925 under the sponsorship of Miss Eunice Cripe.

A paragraph of special interest to present day Lincolmites is the note among events of 1926, "We could not fail to mention the very welcome addition of Mr. Aaron C. Hutchens, who came to us as physics teacher and vice-principal."

As a special feature in that first SENIOR RAIL-SPLITTER, published by the first graduating class of Lincoln High, appears a congratulatory message of farewell from the faculty written by Miss Odessa Farley.

Her closing words contain commendation of which any class might well be proud: "We believe that the Class of 1927 does possess the power to discriminate, the power to recognize sham and deceit; and with this capacity they will leave Lincoln High School an ideal of intellectual honesty, a desire for 'whatsoever things are lovely.' "

## In Parting . . .

At long last the January '42 class has finished the 12 years (or more) necessary to graduate. After all, however, few actually enjoy graduating—no more tests and reports—but the majority of students realize now that the happiest years of one's life are spent while in school.

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# Willing Last Words

Never let it be acclaimed that the January '42 class overlooked the traditional pitter-patter called a will — Thus without further ado we, too, present, alphabetically, the following characteristics to those students who are about to fill our various positions.

Kay Andersen leaves for California. Pearl Bowers leaves her quietness to Maxine Brooks. Mary Burris wills her coiffure to Mabel Ellis. Charles Butcher wills his whimsical smile to Whitey Martin. Doris Campbell leaves East to graduate from Lincoln.

Frances Campopiano wills her ability to concentrate to anyone who needs it. Wayne Christian bequeaths his suave manner to Dale Briley. Helen Coburn leaves the sewing department (too bad for the dept.)

Donald Cohron leaves his women to Bill Flaherty. Mary Crawford leaves her "strawberry blonde" hair to Phyllis Knouf. Jack Curtis wills his band position to E. O. Junior Dunagan bequeaths his way with women to Johnny Hollingsworth. Darlene Ellenwood leaves her determination to Betty Mote. Lurena Free leaves Des Moines for Chicago (she hopes). Betty Fuger wills her snapping brown eyes to Patty Andersen. Jean Garrison wills her co-editorship to Carmella Anania.

Dorothy Gasperi bequeaths her "racket ability" to Dorothy Hildreth. Marilyn Hoegh wills her intelligence to Ruth Johnson (poor girl). Frank Hoffman leaves — that's all!

Betty Hougham wills her seat in band to the person worthy of it. Rose Izzolena leaves her singing ability to Virginia Herker. Art Johnson wills his golf position to Gasper Fazio. Everett Jones bequeaths his numerable bow ties to Frank Elifritz.

Pauline Jose wills her helpfulness to Mary Kirberger. Freddie Karns wills his sports editorship to Harvey Masimore. Mary Kaup leaves her shorthand class — for good. Frances Kennedy wills her history seat to Tom Bruce. Ray King leaves his sense of humor to Jack Hamlin. Paul Konrad wills his H. R. 120 to the gang.

Johnny Madison wills his mistletoe (what there is left of it) to anyone who desires it. Claudine Mapel bequeaths her height to Harriet Scruby. Helen Martin leaves her writing ability to Elizabeth Keller. Russell Matson wills his school books to any intellectual interested in the proposition. Helen McCoy leaves her slimness to Alice Reeves.

Kenneth Miller leaves most of his classes with a sigh of relief. Dorothy Mitchell wills her advertising position to Bill Clark. Phyllis Moline leaves her history ability to a very select group (oh, yeah?).

Bob Morgan wills his athletic management to his successor. Robert Mueller leaves his boldness to Jimmy Dysart. Leona Murphy leaves her sweetness to Doreen Moreland. Don Neff leaves his shy ways to Loran Steen.

Bob Newberg wills his money (treasury) to Mr. Mefert. Richard Nielsen leaves his swimming ability

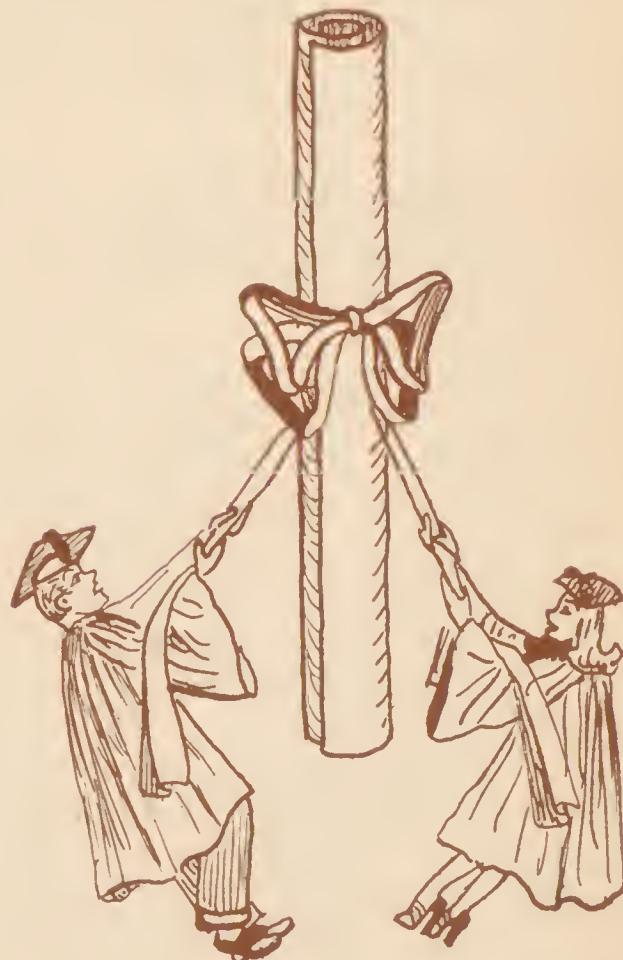
to Moesier Hall. Marjorie Nungesser leaves West High to graduate from Lincoln. Olga Palmiere wills her cuteness to Lola Brown. Twila Parrick leaves to become a Mrs.

Don Payne leaves his worry over glossies to anyone who wants it. Nellie Pontious leaves her determination to Erma Daugherty. Evelyn Reeser wills her ad selling to Betty Lutz. Bob Reynolds leaves his initiativeness to Billy Moore (he needs it!) June Richards wills her stenographic ability to Dorothy Bradish.

Gene Rogers leaves his wittiness to Jack Pfefferle. Louise Sarasio wills her typing skill to Pat Harmon. Jack Sarver wills his expressive eyes to Lee Burke. Vivian Shaffer bestows her ability of immaculate grooming to Rosemary Hedberg.

Grant Simpson leaves his middle name — but who would want it? Warren Simpson wills his crew hair cut to Dale Pilmer. Marilyn Smith leaves her school days behind her. Elizabeth Staude wills her smallness to Jean Shressler. Virginia Steven wills her majorette position to Pat Folsom.

Rex Surber bestows his seat in history to Kenny Joss. Rita Tognetti wills her efficiency to Phillip Dhainin. Charles Tomkinson wills his math ability to Harry Larson. Jack Vestal leaves his presidency to the next lucky guy — speech and all. Jerry Wallace wills his scar to J. R. Anderson.



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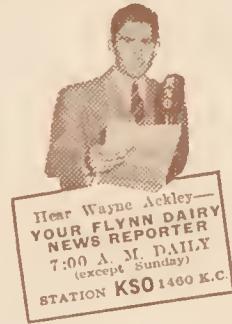
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We're remembering Pearl Harbor—no mistake about that. We're not graduates-elect of Lincoln High, the school that launched a 3 for victory book, and with a home room parties netted \$520 immediately after war was declared.

But we're remembering Lincoln too—remembering that this is the time of the SENIOR RAILSPITTER, we're expressing ourselves for the last time as letter members of a school student body.

Let us ponder a bit. Were not sentimentalists, but it's not too easy to check our emotions when we remember ourselves as little tykes approaching the portals of Lincoln High.

And so we're looking back wistfully to the "same old things we did in the same old way . . ."

The morning street car crowded beyond its budget—our feeling at the spite of our thinness, the mad rush to Lincoln's side door—only to find it locked . . .

The crowd chattering in the front lobby, awaiting us and the entry bell . . . the gang drawn by an alarm clock round the bulletin board . . . the c-run for homeroom in the nick of time! Excelsior!

Sorry! It was my fault.

Door! The door's locked! . . .

Watch out there! Keep off the monogram . . .

Waking 'n on today!

Now I'm de it—no tardy wake-up time for me, think goodness!

Lincoln High

Meets Lincoln High

—and single. They

are the ones—

give them! They

share each other's

lockers with each

other's desks

and swipes

each other's likes

and dislikes . . .

and the right in

each other's pen-

ises at everybody's

in Lincoln Lollipop

Bar!

And graduates-elect have had the same old parties in the same old good-times way as they did in 1927. Scheduled on the activities program for Lincoln's first trip of graduates were: class get-together; informal party, Saturday; Sunday class party with parents; "dav" class banquet graduation.

We've banged lockers, we've peeked through class doors, we've swayed down to lunch; we've lined-up along the office counter and asked the same questions just like the rest of them.



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We'll have memories, too, that are characteristic only of this past semester. That is as it should be.

In assembly, we heard Erick I. Grimwade give an enlightening account of international relationship between the Americas.

Mr. N. D. McCombs, newly appointed superintendent, appeared in a memorable Armistice Day address. The December 5 issue of the regular RAILSPITTER carries an account of an assembly program where Mrs. Christopher Freemantle, English journalist, tells of war in England—two days prior to the Pearl Harbor attack!

And Dr. I. Q., radio mentor, came to Lincoln with his questions, microphones, and candy bars.

This semester marks the introduction of cafeteria chimes to signal a time for silent grace.

THE RAILSPITTER expanded with an 8-paged rotogravure section once a month, and the Iowa state press convention was held in Des Moines with many Lincolnenites participating.

The home economics department organized a teacher-management plan which entailed the formation of a "staff"; and Helen Coburn, school seamstress, was awarded an electric sewing machine as first prize in a contest sponsored by Younkers.

So—make no mistake about it . . .

We'll remember "the same old things in the same old way"; we'll remember our individual accomplishments . . . we'll remember Pearl Harbor—and Lincoln High!

### Over the Fence Tops!

For many who celebrated New Year's Eve, it was a long walk back home. (At 4:00 o'clock in the morning.) One of Iowa's most furious blizzards began on New Year's, blanketing Iowa and stalling cars everywhere. Transportation was held up and because of the severe weather, the Christmas vacation lasted a week longer, leaving the seniors only five days after school re-convened, January 12.

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# Finis

WRITING "finis" to this book means not only that, but it also means writing "finis" to many brilliant high school careers.

There isn't a member of this small graduating class who doesn't get satisfaction out of the thought that he has been through a wonderful school. And this memory he will always retain in his heart.

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## Resourcefulness!

"Oh, what to do for a name beginning with W," bewailed GVS of the senior class. Given only an initial for a middle name, he felt decidedly cheated. After delving into the library files, he found a name which he thought SOMEBODY ought to adopt.

And now, after 17 odd years, Grant Weitzkorn Simpson has at last discovered a suitable nom de plume. (Pronounced witz' en korn.)



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# *Advocates of Democracy . . .*



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Principal Aaron C. Hutchens, said to resemble Lincoln in facial contour, is also a great patriot who holds these truths to be self-evident:

- (1) That universal cooperation is the basic ideal of any democracy.
- (2) That a school of honor and worth can be built only through a student body striving constantly toward growth in scholarship, sportsmanship, conduct, and character.

